BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF COLORADO

CASE NO. OS 2008-0020

AGENCY DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BY COLORADO ETHICS WATCH REGARDING ALLEGED CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE VIOLATIONS BY COMMITTEE TO ELECT DR. JIM GEDDES FOR CU REGENT

This matter is before the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) upon the complaint of Colorado Ethics Watch (CEW) alleging that the Committee to Elect Dr. Jim Geddes for CU Regent (Committee), a registered candidate committee, violated § 1-45-108(2)(a)(I)(C), C.R.S., by failing to timely file required contribution and expenditure reports with the Secretary of State. Specifically, CEW alleges that the Committee failed to timely file its May and June 2008 reports, triggering a fine of \$50 per day for each day each report is late, as provided by Colo. Const. art. XXVIII, § 10(2)(a).

Hearing of the Committee's complaint was scheduled for August 6, 2008. However, on the morning of the hearing, the parties filed a Motion to Vacate Hearing and Enter Stipulated Order. According to the motion, the parties stipulate that the Committee is liable for \$4000 in fines upon the claims asserted in CEW's complaint. The parties request the ALJ to enter an Order imposing the \$4000 fine.

Having reviewed the parties' stipulated motion and the file in this matter, the ALJ grants the motion and vacates the hearing.

Agency Decision

Pursuant to the parties' stipulation, the ALJ hereby finds the Committee violated $\ 1-45-108(2)(a)(I)(C)$, C.R.S., as alleged, and imposes a fine of \$4,000 upon the Committee as provided by Colo. Const. art. XXVIII, $\ 9(2)(a)$ and $\ 10(2)(a)$.

This decision is subject to review by the Colorado Court of Appeals, pursuant to § 24-4-106(11), C.R.S. and Colo. Const. art. XXVIII, § 9(2)(a).

Done and Signed:

August 6, 2008

ROBERT N. SPENCER

Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the above **AGENCY DECISION** was placed in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, at Denver, Colorado to:

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Court Clerk